

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JANUARY 7, 2020

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main, Suite 200, Rushville Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, Aaron Gurley, and Megan Bradley answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Swearing in Robert Claycomb, Police Officer.

- **Discuss Meeting Times and Location** – It was agreed that meetings will continue to be the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings will take place at City Center Council Chambers.
- **Ordinance 2020-02 Rules of Procedure** – Newhouse said he needs to revise page 3 regarding the order. Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2020-02 with the revision. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Select Council President** - Daubenspeck made a motion that Brad Berkemeier be Council President. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried

- **Department Liaisons:** The department liaisons will be as follows:

Fire/Rescue – Bridges

Police Department – Berkemeier

Street/Sanitation – Gurley

Park & Rec – Daubenspeck

Animal - Marzon

Neighborhood Development Department – Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement – Berkemeier

City Utility – Anyone can attend meetings.

- **Council Appointments:** The following appointments were made:

Solid Waste Board – Marzon

Fiber Board – Gurley

ECDC – Daubenspeck

APC – Jeff Houser, Bradley Berkemeier

Re-Development Commission – John Pavey and Ron Liennemann

- **Standing Committees** – Currently there are none.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT: Copley welcomed the new Council members and wished them good luck.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT: Council President Berkemeier welcomed the new Council members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Pavey said we are working on the Riverside Park area. We will start seeing pricing for the projects in this area. Construction will begin this summer.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – There will be congestion for this year’s concerts due to the construction.

Election of officers was held last night. Mike Pavey will serve as president. Six acts have signed for this year.

- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Equipment is in on 16th Street. They have begun moving dirt.
- **ECDC** – Nothing new.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We continue the eminent domain process.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker welcomed the new Council and invited them to stop by the department.

Fire – Assistant Chief Munson said he looks forward to working with the new members.

Street – Commissioner Miller handed out trash totals for the year. He said they are staying pretty close. He also welcomed new Council members.

Animal – Director Cottrell said she sent reports by email and asked if anyone had questions. She invited all to visit the shelter.

Park – Director Burklow said they are working on the Gala scheduled for February 15 at the Elks from 6-10. They hope to raise \$18,000.00. Currently they have met approximately 35% of their goal. They are also working on shop renovations. They have begun ordering supplies for the pool. He invited Council to come out to visit.

Code Enforcement - Jenkins welcomed the new Council members.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Street Light Project** – Pavey reported that we still need 3 easements to be signed.
2. **CCMG – Local Roads** – There were 4 projects for 2019. Three have been turned in for close out. We will complete the 8th Street project this year.
3. **Non-City Property at point 44 and Old 44** – There were 2 properties that were not in the city limits receiving city services. One does not wish to be annexed. Services will discontinue. We are still waiting to hear from the other resident.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2020-1 Amend City Zoning Ordinance** – Clark explained the changes. Our goal is to make it easier to build on small pieces of property. We want to make development easier. Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Encumbrances** – Berkemeier moved to approve the encumbrances for 2020 as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

- **Trash Fee Study** –
- **Notes/Updates**
 - **Permitting** – Gary Cameron is working on this.
 - **Rushville Flooding Pre-Disaster Grant Requested Considering of Drainage Study** – This is outstanding with the County.

COMMITTEE:

1. **Ordinance 2019-14 Downtown Parking Ordinance** –
2. **Ordinance 2019-18 Bidding Requirements** – Mason Gordon is working on this.

3. **Rushville Mobile Home Park** – Jenkins said he needs to get more information before he does inspections. Some have not cleaned up trash. The City will pick up the trash and we will invoice them.

CLAIMS: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.